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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: EINV, ENRG, LI

SUBJECT: LIBERIA REFINING (LRC)

REF: MONROVIA 6773 AND PREVIOUS

1. FOLLOWING UP THE AMBASSADOR'S BRIEF DICSUSSION WITH PRESIDENT TOLBERT ON THE LRC SITUATION REFTEL, DCM CALLED ON ACTING FINANCE MINISTER PADMORE SEPT. 28. EMBASSY HAD BEEN RECEIVING DISQUIETING NEWS THAT NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN BROKEN OFF AND THEREFORE WAS ANXIOUS TO LEARN THE LATEST STATE OF PLAY DIRECTLY FROM THE FINANCE MINISTRY.

2. PROBABLY SENSING WHAT WAS ON THE DCM'S MIND, PADMORE IMMEDIATELY TOLD DCM THAT THE MINISTRY HAD RECEIVED A VERY CONCILIATORY TELEX MESSAGE FROM SUN/DYNALECTRON ON TUESDAY (SEPT. 27) MORNING. ACCORDING TO PADMORE, SUN/DYNALECTRON, WHILE STATING THAT LATEST OFFER DID NOT QUITE MEET THEIR REQUIREMENTS, ASKED GOL AS AN EXPRESSION OF GOOD FAITH TO PUT ITS LATEST OFFER IN WRITING SO THEY COULD CAREFULLY REVIEW IT. PADMORE SAID THAT HE WOULD SEND A TELEX MESSAGE TO THE COMPANIES GIVING FULL DETAILS OF THE LATEST OFFER. PADMORE PLANS TO FOLLOW UP THE TELEX MESSAGE BY MAILING THE FULL TEXT OF THE OFFER. HE SAID THAT BY WAY OF A DEADLINE HE WOULD REQUEST A RESPONSE WITHIN A WEEK OR TWO. IF

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SUN/DYNALECTRON'S RESPONSE IS ENCOURAGING, HE WOULD PROBABLY HEAD GOL DELEGATION TO MEET WITH SUN/DYNALECTRON OFFICIALS TO NEGOTIATE THE FINAL SETTLEMENT. FYI. PADMORE MADE IT CLEAR THAT COASTAL STATES IS AN ACTIVE PARTY TO THESE NEGOTIATIONS. CARTER

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